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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

Selma Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Orrville Baptist Church,

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct 28, 29 and 30, 1900.

OFFICERS:

H. S. D. MALLORY, Moderator, ... Selma, Ala.
M. H. TRAYLOR, Treasurer, ... Benton, Ala.
LOUIS JOHNSON, Clerk, ... Orrville, Ala.
T. P. McCRARY, Assistant Clerk, ... Selma, Ala.

Next place of meeting will be with Mt. Gilead Church, Benton, Ala., the 2nd Wednesday in August, 1901.

MINUTES.

ORRVILLE ALA., Friday, October 28th, 1900.

Association called to order at 9:45 a m, by Bro. H. S. D. Mallory, Moderator, and the following brethren: M. H Traylor, B. F. Wilson and W. H. Brazier appointed as Committee on Credentials. While said committee was preparing their report, devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. M. G. Curry, after which the Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Ash Creek not represented.

Bethany—A. Edwards.

Center Ridge—H. J. Yates.

Hopewell not represented.

Macedonia not represented.

Mt. Gilead—M. H. Traylor.

New Bethel not represented.

Orrville—R. T. Read, B. F. Ellis, H. L. Dudley, J. B. Ellis, J. F. Watson.

Pleasant Hill—Letter, no delegates,

Providence—Lewis Johnson, J. M. Ellis, J. R. Hines, W. E. Purifoy.

Ruhama not represented.

1st Church, Selma—H. S. D. Mallory, T. P. McCrary Law Lamar, B. F. Wilson, A. J. Dickinson.

2nd Church, Selma—J. E. Barnes.

Shiloh—A. M. Lide.

Sister Springs—J. P. Melton.

Town Creek—Letter, no delegates.

Immanuel—W. H. Brazier and W. H. Kendrick.

Benton—J. A. Howard.

After receiving said report Bro. B. F. Ellis, made a motion which was carried, that the rules be suspended and Bro. J. E. Barnes be requested to cast the vote of the Association for the present officers. Under this rule Bro. H. S. D. Mallory was elected Moderator; Bro. Lewis Johnson, Clerk; Bro. T. P. McCrary, Assistant Clerk Bro. M. H. Traylor, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee reported that programs had been distributed with change of hours of meeting from 9 to 9:30 a. m. The committee was empowered to substitute other names for those on the program who were absent.

Visitors were then recognized. Bro. Roden from Bethel Association, Bro. M. G. Curry of Bigbee Association, and especially of Eutaw church, which was destroyes by a cyclone; Bro. Roof of Howard College; Bro. J. V. Dickinson of Birmingham Association; Bro. Howard of the Alabama Baptist; Bro. J. W. Stewart of the Orphand Home at Evergreen; Bro. Oxford of Bethel Association; Bro. J. W. Dunaway of Cahaba Association and Bro. W. B. Crumpton of State Board of Missions. Bro. J. F. Watson introduced Bro. Robards, pastor of the Methodist Church at this place.

Brethren J. E. Barnes and A. J. Dickinson were appointed to read the church letters, after the reading of which the following committees to report at this session were appointed by the Moderator.

Finance—Bros. M. H. Traylor, B. F. Wilson, J. R. Hines and R. T. Read.

On Nominations—Bro. J. I. Kendrick.

Time and Place of Next Meeting—Bros. B. F. Ellis, A. J. Dickinson and J. P. Melton.

State of Religion in Churches—Bros. A. Edwards, J. A Howard and W. H. Brazier.

Apportionment—Bros. Law Lamar, Lewis Johnson and J. E. Barnes.

Bro. Murphee of the Marion Military Institutue, and Bro Fuller of Cahaba Association, were recognized as visitors. The preaching of the Associational Sermon was postponed to 11:30, and Bro. Watson was requested to notity the ladies meeting of the hour.

Bro. A J. Dickinson made a motion which was carried, that the clerk obtain the minutes of the ladies meeting and print the same with the Associational miusten.

Bro. J. E. Barnes read report on General Education, which after discussion by Brethren J. B. Ellis, F. M. Roof, A. J. Dickinson and J. T. Murphee, on motion of Bro. A. J. Dickinson it was carried over to the afternoon session to be taken up with other reports to be made on education and to be discussed in connection with them.

Bro. J. V. Dickinson, of Pratt City, was then introduced and preached the Associational Sermon from John 9th chapter, 4th verse, "I must work." Theme; The necessity of work. After which adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. A. G. Moseley, of New Orleans, conducted the devotional exercises, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. A. J. Dickinson, and discussed in connection with the report on General Education by Brethren A. J. Dickinson, J. V. Dickinson, J. F. Watson and J. I. Kendrick, after hich both reports were adopted. (Exhibit A and B)

On motion of Bro. J. F. Watson, the regular order of business was suspended and Bro. A G. Mosely, of New Orlerns, was given ten minutes to present the mission work of New Orleans, which was also discussed by Brethren J. E. Barnes and J. B. Ellis.

The following amounts were subscribed for building a church in New Orleans: Orrville church $85, Providence church $50, 2nd church, Selma, $30, Selma, 1st church $100 conditional, Benton church $5, Center Ridge church $5, Immanuel church by W. H. Kendrick $4, Sister Springs church by J. P. Melton $15. Total $280.00.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Bro. Paul Carson, discussed by Brethren Carson and Stewart and adopted. (Exhibit E)

Report on Orphans read by Bro. J. W. Stewart, discussed by Bro. Stewart and adopted. (Exhibit D.)

Report on Temperance postponed and Institute work

taken up and discussed and illustrated by Bro. G. S. Anderson, who asked that the amounts due from the churches be paid by the first of November next.

On motion of Bro. A. J. Dickinson, the Appointionment Committee was instructed to apportion fifty dollars for Institute work next year.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday September 29th, 9:30 a. m.

Devotional services led by Bro. J W. Dunaway, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The Committee on Time and Place reported the 2nd Wednesday in August next, 1901, place Mt. Gilead Church, near Benton, in Lowndes county. Report adopted. (Exhibit E.)

Rev. J. W. Dunaway was recognized from Cahaba Association and Bro. M. F. Setzler from Bethel.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Bro. A. J. Dickinson. (Exhibit F.)

Report on Home Missions read by Bro. W. G. Curry. (Exhibit G.)

Report on State Missions read by Bro. B. F. Ellis. (Exhibit H.)

Missions in general discussed by Brethren J. W. Dunaway, W. B. Crumpton, J. F. Watson and A. J. Dickinson and adopted. (Exhibits F G and H.)

Finance report received and ordered printed in the minutes. (Exhibit I)

The Committee on Nominations reported: W. A Taliaferro to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. F. Watson the Missionary Sermon at our next meeting. Delegates to Baptist State Convention, H. S. D. Mallory, J. A. Mauldin, J. B. Ellis, Miles Hardy, Lewis Johnson, J. M. Bailey, Alfred Edwards, M. H. Traylor. W. T. Weisinger and S. J. Yates. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. E. Barnes. Executive Committee, H. S. D. Mal-

lory, Law Lamar, T. P. McCrary, B. F. Ellis and Thos. Williams. We suggest that any of the delegates above appointed who will not attend said convention shall notify the chairman of the Executive Committee and said committee is authorized to fill the vacancies, which was so ordered. Respectfully submitted,

J. I. Kendrick, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

Report on State of Religion in the Churches read by Bro A Edwards, Chairman. Report received and adopted. (Exhibit J.)

Report of Treasurer M. H. Traylor received and adopted. (Exhibit K.)

A motion was made by Bro. A. J. Dickinson and carried, that the clerk be authorized to reimburse himself out of any funds not otherwise appropriated, for printing the minutes of last session and to abridge any reports or other matter so as to bring the cost of printing the minutes this session within the amount sent up for that purpose.

Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the Convention was called to order by the Moderator. The report on Denominational Literature was read by Bro. J. F. Watson. Discussed by Brethren, Watson, Kendrick and Dickinson, and was adopted. (Exhibit L.)

Report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. A. Edwards. Discussed by Bro. J. E. Barnes and adopted. (Exhibit M.)

Report on Temperance read by Bro. J. I. Kendrick. Discussed by Brethren Dunaway and Roden and adopted. (Exhibit N.)

The following committees to report next year were appointed.

On State Missions—J. E Barnes, chairman, B. F. Watson, J. P. Melton.

On Foreign Missions—A. J. Dickinson, J. M. Ellis and A. M. Lide.

Home Missions—B. F. Ellis, W. H. Kendrick and W. M. Carson.

Sunday Schools—W. H. Brazier, O. M. Hendricks and J. R. Hines.

Temperance—Law Lamar, W. E. Purifoy and H. L. Dudley.

General Education—J. F. Watson, T. P. McCrary and R. T. Reed.

Ministerial Education—J. I. Kendrick, H. J. Yates and Lewis Johnson.

Woman's Work—M. H. Traylor, A. J. Dickinson and J. E. Barnes.

Orphans Home—Alfred Edwards, J. F. Watson and B. F. Ellis.

Literature—J. A. Howard, B. F. Wilson, A. Edwards.

On motion made by Bro. J. I Kendrick, the Executive Committee was instructed to prepare a program for our next meeting.

Report of Committee on Apportionment read by Bro. J. E. Barnes, received and adopted. (Exhibit O)

Bro. J. I. Kendrick offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That the thanks of this Association is hereby tendered to the members of the Orrville Church, and the citizens of the town for their hospitality to us, and to the railroads for courtesies extended, and to the members of the Methodist Church for the use of their house of worship for the ladies meeting.

After singing and prayer by Bro. J. I. Kendrick, the Convention adjourned to meet with Mt. Gilead Church the 2nd Wednesday in August, 1901.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.—A.

Your Committee believes that during no other period of the history of our country has the subject of education received more thoughtful attention than during the present.

Our people are gradually being awakened to the great importance of this subject, and as a result an increased number of pupils is being enrolled each session in our schools.

This interest in the education of the youths of our land should be hailed with genuine delight by all promoters of education, and every effort possible should be made to direct in the way which promises the greatest good to the individual pupil.

We should welcome every effort that is being put forth for the education of our youths, which has in view the development of the physical and spiritual matters of the pupils as well as the mental.

No school can fill its mission to the youths of any land which omits such training as is stated in the above paragraph.

It is because of the well merited education which our two schools, the Howard and the Judson are offering, that we point to them with a degree of pardonable pride.

Since their early existence they have been potent factors in our denominational life, and the influence of the men and women who have graduated from these schools has been felt in our church life, in our mission work, at home and in foreign fields, in the school work, in fact their influence has been felt in all of the professions of our land.

While the work of these two schools has always been thorough and compared favorably with the work done in the best schools of our state, we believe they are in a better position today to accomplish, successfully, their God given mission than ever before in their history. With their strong and talented faculty and full courses of studies, they are prepared to develop the mind and thus prepare their pupils to occupy the positions and the better accomplish the work that God has in store for them. With their consecrated and jolly presidents and faculties, with their courses in the Bible and lectures on same, with their missionary societies, Y. M. C. A. and other agencies that will influence for good, they are prepared to win and then develop their pupils spiritually.

With their drill, gymnasiums, bolling alley, in class of competent instructors, they are developing the physical man, and thus are sending from their halls men and women with strong brains. The increased number of pupils last year was indeed gratifying to both faculty and denomination, and one enrollment this session promises a larger number and unless we come to the help of President Patrick in the erection of a building for the Judson he will not have room to accommodate the large number of pupils now being enrolled.

Your committee hopes that the present effort to secure endowments for these schools will be successful and trusts that this Association will do her part in this laudable undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Barnes Chairman.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—B.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report that twenty-eight young men were in the Howard last session to whom the Board gave aid as needed of each case. Also nine young men were in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It seems to your committee that the young men now entering upon the ministry is far below the demand and it is a fit time to pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust out laborers in his harvest. We recommend that the usual amount be apportioned among the churches for this work.

A. J. Dickinson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—C.

The Sunday School is a highly important organization. Every church has in the Sunday School a great and growing service,

strength and support. A support that furnishes from time to time minds and hearts trained and equipped for the work that is waiting for every Christian.

We should attend Sunday School; we should make the Sunday School interesting, entertaining and instructive. We should see to it that the young people in the church and out of it attend Sunday School.

It is especially important that children attend Sunday Schools, and there is no better way to insure their attendance than for the old people to go and take them.

While we have done much in Sunday School work, there is much yet to be done, and we should give it our untiring support and hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Carson,

For the Committee.

ORPHAN'S HOME.—D.

On March 10th, 1893, in a small rented delapidated house at Evergreen, three destitute, friendless, homeless children were received and the work of the Baptists of Alabama for the care of their indigent orphans began. It had an humble beginning a n it has not been without its trials, but the blessing of the Lord has been upon it. Since it was started there have come into it 138 children from 30 counties in our state, of these two boys and four girls have died; two boys have been apprenticed, two boys and one girl have been irregularly discharged, thirteen boys and eighteen girls have been returned to their people, and fifteen boys and fourteen girls have been adopted, leaving in the home twenty-nine boys and thirty-eight girls. One hundred and thirty-eight received, seventy have gone out, sixty-seven now in the Home.

While the domestic and religious life of the children are carefully looked after their industrial life is not neglected. The boys are taught to do farm work, while the girls do various kinds of house work.

All that are old enough attend the agriculture school and all attend Sunday School and church.

The special, urgent need, is another building, so that the children can be properly cared for when they are sick and isolated in cases of contagious diseases.

"I was sick and ye visited me."

It takes about ten dollars a day for their general support, and they have no income except the offerings of their friends.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord."

Respectfully submitted.

STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES—E-J.

No committee can properly report this subject even though they enquire of every pastor, of every church in the Association, or themselves visited every church to observe its state of religion.

Church letters as submitted to the Association constitute the nearest approach to a true report of their religious state.

If "the Lord" is "working with them, and confirming the word with signs following," then we can all say "Amen" (Mark

16:20) for their church letters will report revivals and conversions; but, if not, what this Association wants is not a committee report but a deeper consecration on the part of the members of every church that will cause them to return to their homes determined to obtain God's promised blessings through the medium of prayer.

Your committee would say that fewer revivals have been held in the churches and fewer accessions to membership have come to their knowledge this year than in many years past. A spirit of commercialism and promotion of material affairs has seemingly taken precedence over the needs of our religious nature. Oh, let us not forget that God has said that He must have first place in our hearts, and that then He would plentifully supply us with corn, wine and oil.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Edwards.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—F.

"The first of the first fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord, thy God."—Ex. 23:19.

Webster gives us a definition for orthodox, "concert in doctrine; sound in Christian faith." James says: "Faith if it hath not works, is dead;" also, "Show me the faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works."

We want our churches right in doctrine, but also in practice. To be this they must be in line with the will of Almighty God. If the weakest church in all our bounds is holding God's truth and doing God's work, that church is a power which satan cannot successfully oppose.

But when the wealthy, influential church is not in line with God, then it is weak, and a spectacle over which angels might weep. God has given His Son for a lost world. He has given to us the work of preaching His gospel to the world. The thoroughly orthodox church and each individual member must realize this God given work. They must know that the strong, living church is to be a loving church, loving God and souls, and to fail is to fall far short of God's plan and purpose.

The world lies in wickedness God sends us to carry the message of salvation. We ought to let nothing detain or hold us back. Each one can and ought to be an integral part in this great work, in hearty sympathy with the life and death of Christ—hence living daily in obedience to his last commands, laboring to the end, that the kingdoms of earth shall become the trophies of heaven.

The Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va., is charged with the work of carrying the gospel to heathens or distant lands. The collections reported are gratifying and the results of the operations of missionaries are encouraging indeed. As commercial intercourse between nations, the most remote become more intimate as the years come and go. The responsibility of Christians is increased, to supply every nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

J. B. Powell,

For Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.—G.

The Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, is in charge of our mission work in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. God's favor still rests upon this work and great things are being accomplished through their agency.

From the last report of this Board to the Southern Baptist Convention, we gleam the following encouraging facts: Last year there were employed by this Board 671 missionaries through whose labors 5,696 persons were baptized, 195 churches constituted and 639 Sunday Schools organized.

Your committee earnestly commend the Home Mission work to the churches of this Association. Especially would we urge upon the churches the importance of subscribing for and reading the Home Field, a paper published by the Board for the purpose of disseminating information corcerning thr work of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted·

STATE MISSIONS.—H.

The State Mission Board is now in its 25th year. It was organized in 1875, with Rev. T. M. Bailey as Corresponding Secretary. Great progress has been made and is still going on in this work. the report of this year at Tuscaloosa will show a great advance over the report of a year ago in the number of employees and the amount of work done.

When the Board was in its infancy, the Association was grouped from two to four together, and a good man way employed to go from church to church preaching about missions and practical religion, organizing Sunday Schools, prayer meetings and woman's aid societies; the results were that churches were aroused to the importanee of giving for missions, hundre :s of Sunday Schools were organized and pastors were encouraged in their work.

The work of the Board now is mainly in supplementing the salaries of pastors of weak churches at important points, principally in towns, for these are the centres where people are gathering. The strategic points, this does not mean that the country should be neglected, but that the centres are the danger points which must be protected or the whole country will be ruined—these are the centres of influence—good and bad.

Some Bible work is being done, many pastors have taken Bibles and Testaments on sale for the Board, with the understanding that they are to donate them when parties are unable to purchase. Some missionaries employed by the Associations have received from the Board an appropriation of Bibles and some brethren are acting as colporters for a part of their time.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville, has generously given to the State Board $300.00 worth of Bibles and Testaments, which have been of great service. The Board's missionaries are instructed to give special attention to the organization and encouragement of Sunday Schools. The Board does more to develop and establish churches than to organize new ones where they are not especially needed.

Some of the Associations are doing work in their own bounds,

but it is not because of unfriendliness to the Board—brethren everywhere speak in the kindest terms of the Secretary and the Board. Besides all that is done for State Mission strictly, it should be borne in mind that much of the increased contributions from Alabama to the Home and Foreign Mission Board is due directly to the efforts put forth by Secretary Crumpton in the field and by thousands of pages of literature he sends out from his office in Montgomery.

State Missions is the foundation for all missionary work and that it is growing is seen in the increased amount of contributions and increased number of contributors. Not only churches but individuals are being reached. This motto has been suggested and is worthy of adoption: "A contribution from every church in Alabama and every member of every church a contributor."

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. Ellis, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—K.

M. H. Traylor, Treasurer,
In account with Selma Baptist Association.

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September 28, 1900.
Amount received from Finance Committee..... $75 77

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1899.

By voucher No. 1, Institute Work	$ 6 25
By voucher No. 2, Orphans Home	11 32
By voucher No. 3, Mission	35 15
By voucher No 4, Minutes	23 05
	$75 77

Respectfully submitted,
M. H. Traylor, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
R. T. Reed,
Chairman Finance Committee.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—L.

Reading matter is the chief means by which the masses of people are instructed on any and all subjects. The present facilities for condensing and distributing information make it practically impossible for an individual in this country to escape the power of the press and the impress of the writer. A striking proof of this statement is the successful use of campaign literature. Within a few weeks a political party can instruct its thousands of constituents in all parts of the country.

Literature is exclusive. It does not by any means include all that is written or printed. Strictly speaking literature embraces only such productions as are marked by elevation, vigor and unity of thought and by fitness, purity and grace of style. Literature is not only knowledge-giving, but inspiring, elevating and power giving. It must be able to make the literati.

Denominational literature includes only that which adds to

the denominational life, and Baptist literature does, or ought to, exclude everything that is not in harmony with the teachings of God's work. The Baptists are rich in good literature. They do not suffer from the lack, but rather from the shameful neglect of Baptist literature. We may expect purer faith and better works when our people are better informed. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God;" and Peter said: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

We are gratified with the efforts being put forth to furnish cheaply ready information on Baptist history and doctrine.

We call special attention to the productions of the Sunday School Board at Nashville. This Board is now the leading factor of Baptist literature in the south. Every Baptist ought to read everything printed by it. The name of the printers is a guarantee of the quality.

The Alabama Baptist needs your support. Subscribe for it, pay for it and read it. We recognize its merits and demerits and regret that it is not better and a help to more Baptists in the state.

In addition the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field furnish definite and useful information and help to every one who reads them.

J. F. Watson, Chairman.

WOMAN'S WORK.—M.

God, while fashioning woman, made her peculiarly fit to do much towards spreading the Gospel. After she is converted, you once gain her interests and the results are glorious.

Paul the great apostle, made special mention of several devout women, whom he recognized as great leaders in God's cause. They perhaps worked in a quiet way, but God honors such work, for He Himself spoke "in a still small voice."

Since God has peculiarly fitted woman for this work, it is absolutely essential to the growth of her soul that she does it.

Christ emphatically says: "Go and preach the gospel."

He was a loving friend and meant it for our good. He knew the soul and what would make it grow into a fuller life, and what would cause it to decay, just as a good farmer knows what is essential to the growth of his plants, and an earnest teacher, what methods he might apply to cause the mind of a child to become strong and healthy.

Woman's work in God's cause reacts upon herself, making her soul larger and her life more abundant, which is itself a glorious reward

Ever since Christ came on earth woman has done much towards spreading the gospel, but not until 1800 was there any effort made to organize them into a union. The movement rapidly gained favor and society after society was formed until in 1888, Woman's Missionary Union, our general organization was instituted.

It is one of the five great divisions of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was delegated to raise funds for the support of missionaries at home and abroad, for building houses of worship in

destitute places, to furnish literature whenever needed and to educate the young to love the mission cause.

This union, though only twelve years of age, has already given to the three Boards $616,238.69. This, of course, leaves out the vast amount of work done in the vacinities where the different branches of this great union are situated.

During the past year the divisions in Alabama placed in the treasury $4,916.71. This was given in money and boxes. The methods adopted for raising this fund, we especially commend. Boxes of clothing will be given often where it is impossible to raise the money. That much good is being done by this method, is shown by the many letters of gratitude received by the ladies of this Union from the struggling servants of God on the frontiers. The Christmas offering and week of Self Denial and Prayer, which has been arranged for by the Woman's Missionary Union, for the purpose of raising funds for Foreign Missions resulted last year in $5,509.57. This is a movement which will do much good in every church where the program is carried out, for it will raise the members to a plane of higher and holier living and give them a clearer idea of the real meaning of Christmas.

Children's day in June which was inaugurated in 1898 for the benefit of a Bible Fund, and Sunday School Mission Day. are other inaugurations which have proved great successes. The Sunbeam Society, of which we all know is being supplemented by the Babies Branch, Woman Missionary Union, and is meeting with approval everywhere. This means much good, for the mothers of the little ones are thus brought into the work, while the little ones themselves are fast becoming little workers for Jesus.

Our Association has now seven societies and we wish it were possible to interest the ladies of each church sufficiently to cause them to organize a real live Woman's Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted.

A. Edwards.

TEMPERANCE—X.

This report has reference exclusively to the manufacture, sale and use of any and all intoxicating liquors otherwise than as a medicine. It does not propose to discuss intemperance with reference to anything else. So that any discussion that would extend the meaning of the word "intemperance" so as to include tobacco or anything else cannot legitimately come in connection with this report.

That the drink habit is one of the crying evils in our land no sane person will pretend to deny. This report does not need to give any tiresome array of statistics to prove the truth of this assertion. Recognizing the presence of this evil and the enormity of it, we cannot fail to be impressed with the great need of united effort in order to eradicate it. How can this much desired end be accomplished? This fact is true that if the work is ever accomplished, the Christian people must be prime movers in it. Each individual Christian must use his personal influence in every way to lessen the drink habit. This means that first of all no one professing to be a Christian must use strong drink himself otherwise than as a medicine. It is only thus that he can by precept be of any service in the cause of temperance.

To advocate temperance and illustrate it by intemperate life will never move the wheels of progress of the temperance cause very far forward. Again, each citizen must use his right of franchise in the support of temperance. He must be sure that he does not himself violate the temperance laws in force. A man who runs a blind tiger is unworthy of citizenship in a free country. No Christian citizen can be consistent and vote for an intemperate man for office or for one who does not advocate temperance.

And then, too, the local churches must take a decided stand in every way against strong drink. Each church ought to pass strong resolutions in favor of temperance. But this is not enough and will in fact be useless unless it performs another duty when needed. It must exercise its right of discipline Of what force can any church be against the drink habit which retains in its fellowship and that without sensure a man whom it knows to run a blind tiger or one who is habitually drunk?

Besides, each Association must give its moral support to the temperance cause. This can be done in two ways. In the first place a report on temperance may be submitted at each meeting and discussed and at the last adopted. This is what is usually done. But this is not sufficient. If it does its whole duty it too must show its faith by its works. This can be done by refusing to retain in its fellowship any member who lives in the habitual practice of intemperance. This in no way infringes on the doctrine of church independency. A church would only have to choose which horn of the delemma it would take, whether the Association without drunken members or drunken members without the Association.

Another important way to promote the cause of temperance is by exercising the right of protection. This is one great means by which our Baptist forefathers gained for us the priceless boon of religious liberty. Persistent effort in this way by our Conventions and other general meetings before the law making bodies; for strict temperance laws, would have great weight toward the accomplishment of the great desired end.

Jas. I. Kendrick.

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans Home.	Institute Board.	Total.
Selma 1st	$ 900 00	$ 50 00	$ 100 00	$25 00	$1075 00
Ash Creek	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	15 00
Benton	20 00	5 00	10 00	2 50	37 50
Bethany	30 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	52 50
Center Ridge	30 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	52 50
Mt. Gilead	60 00	20 00	20 00	.....	100 00
Hopewell	25 00	10 00	10 00	.....	45 00
Orrville	200 00	50 00	25 00	5 00	280 00
Pleasant Hill	60 00	20 00	20 00	2 50	102 50
Providence	120 00	50 00	25 00	2 50	197 50
Selma, 2nd Church	125 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	170 00
Sister Springs	10 00	2 50	5 00	1 00	18 50
Shiloh	50 00	10 00	15 00	.....	75 00
Town Creek	100 00	15 00	50 00	2 50	167 50
Macedonia	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	15 00
New Bethel	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	15 00
Ruhama	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	15 00
Immanuel	40 00	10 00	15 00	2 50	67 50
	$1790 00	$ 302 50	$ 355 00	$53 50	$2501 00

MINUTES

OF THE

W. M. U. of the Selma Association.

Orrville, Ala., Friday, September 28, 1900.

The W. M. U. of the Selma Baptist Association met at the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches at 10 a. m. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. L. Lamar of Selma. The meeting was then organized with Mrs. Lamar elected chairman and Miss Zaidee Ellis, Secretary.

The following representatives were then enrolled:

First Church, Selma—L. A. S., Mrs. H. S. D. Mallory. Y. L. C., Miss Kate Welch. H. H. S., Mrs. Law Lamar.

Second Church, Selma—W. M. U., Mrs. C. J. Barnes. Sunbeams, Miss Frank Turner.

Collirene—Mrs. Alfred Edwards, Miss McGaugh.

Browns—Mrs. J. I. Kendrick.

Orrville—L. W. C., Mrs. J. B. Ellis, Mrs. J. F. Watson, Mrs. J. E. Dunaway. Sunbeams, Miss Willie Hatcher.

Woman's Central Committee—Mrs. D. M. Malone, Birmingham

Then followed a short address of welcome by Miss Zaidee Ellis, to which Miss Frank Turner responded very happily.

Adjourned at 11:30 to go to Baptist Church to hear the introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. V. Dickinson.

Mrs. L. Lamar,
Chairman.

Zaidee Ellis,
Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting was called to order at 3 p. m., by the Chairman. Prof. Roof, President of Howard College, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes on the plan for the endowment of Howard College, and asked the help of all present. The talk was much enjoyed and aroused the interest of all present.

Mrs. Malone then spoke of her great interest in the work and in terms of highest praise of Prof. Roof, stating that he was worthy the confidence and help of every one. She said her society at home had pledged $100.00 for the endowment and told of their plans of work. Pledges for this endowment were then called for and responses were as follows:

L. A. S., First Church, Selma, $50.00.

L. W. C., Orrville Church, $25.00.

Sunbeams, Orrville, $5.00.

Miss Turner pledged the work of her society but gave no stated amount.

The following reports were then read:

Ladies Working Circle of Orrville Baptist Church for the last Associational year:

Foreign Missions (Miss Kelley)	$15.00
St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church, New Orleans	5.00
Church Aid	13.50
Orphanage	7.50
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	5.00
Amount in Treasury	11.40
Total	$57.40
Number of members	29

Mrs. B. F. Ellis,
President.

Zaidee Ellis,
Secretary.

Sunbeams, Orrville Church.

Foreign Missions (Miss Kelly)	$10.00
Missionary box valued at	40.00
Express on box	5.00
Miscellaneous contributions	12.00
Total	$67.00
Number members	27

Mrs. J. F. Watson,
Leader.

Hall Ellis,
Secretary.

Ladies Mission Society, Pleasant Hill.

Foreign Missions	$ 2.00
Home Missions	2.00
State Missions	3.00
Church Aid	5.16
Orphanage	7.37
Total	$19.53
Number of members	9

Mrs. L. Coleman, President.

Mrs. F. G. Dudley, Secretary.

Ladies Aid Society, Shiloh Church, Sardis, Ala.

Home Missions	$ 4.25
Orphanage	8.90
Total	$13.15
Number members	7

Miss E. W. Johnson, President.

Miss L. F. Johnson, Secretary.

Woman's Missionary Union, Second Church, Selma.

Foreign Missions (Miss Kelly)	$ 5.00
Home Missions	6.12
Church Aid	31.40
Orphanage	5.00
Cash in Missionary Box	18.11
Miscellaneous Expenses	66.56
India Relief Fund	1.00
Charity	11.00
Total Cash	$144.19
Missionary Box	40.00
Total	$184.19
Number members	20

Mrs. J. E. McMullin, President.

Miss Frank Turner, Secretary.

Sunbeams, Second Church, Selma.

Foreign Missions	$ 4.25
Home Missions	10.00
State Missions	5.00
Church Aid	8.00
Charity	5.00
Incidentals	1.00
Box to Orphanage	16.50
Total	$49.75
Number members	60

Otis McMullin, President.

Sadie Williams. Secretary.

Babies Branch, Second Church, Selma.

Foreign Missions	$ 1.26
Home Missions	1.27

Total.....$ 2.53
Number members.....25

Mrs. J. E. Barnes,
Leader.

Woman's Missionary Society, First Baptist Church, Selma.

Foreign Missions (Miss Kelly)	$ 25.00
Foreign Missions (Selma Missionary)	25.00
Associational Stationery	1.00
Literature	32
Missionary box valued at	75.00
Total	$126.32

Number membership.....39

Mrs R. P. Bazemore
President.

Mrs. H. A. Haralson,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Young Ladies Circle of First Church, Selma.

Organized Oct. 1897. Total receipts from beginning to date	$169.85
Total paid out	121.79
Balance on hand	$ 48.06

This has been given to missions, orphanage, church aid, &c.
Number members.....20

Mrs. F. M. Stillwell,
President.

Miss Kate Welch,
Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SELMA, ALABAMA, TO THE SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Present membership..... 39
Members received past year..... 7

Officers—President, Mrs. W. B. Alexander; Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Lee; Secretary, Mrs. H. S. D. Mallory.

Meetings—Every Monday except third Monday.

Visiting committee appointed weekly to look after strangers and visit sick.

Receipts during the past year:

From dues	$ 50.00
From entertainment	154.00
From extra collection (orphanage)	15.00
From extra collection for United Charities	12.00
Total collections	$231.00

Amounts paid out as follows:

For Christmas offering to Pastor	$ 15.00
For orphanage	20.00
For stationery	1.00
For rent for poor	12.00
For provisions for poor	17.00
	$ 55.00
Balance on hand	$176.00

In addition to the foregoing collections this society collected from its members and distributed as follows:

For Christmas offerings to the poor, two boxes of provisions and several tons of coal and five waiters of fruits and flowers for the sick.

The object of this society is to visit the sick and destitute, to cultivate social and religious intercourse, to build up and foster every religious work and to stimulate, spread and vitalize the spirit of missions in the church and congregation.

The society gave only one entertainment during the year, the proceeds of which, $154, will be devoted towards the furnishing of our new church.

Mrs. Lamar (leader of the children's Helping Hand) told of her success in this work and that the total contributions of this little circle was about $300.

In the absence of the Vice-President the Secretary made her report as follows:

Letters written	21
Postals	27
Literature sent out	428 pages
Reports sent to Cen. Com	8
Letters received	16
Postals received	5
Received from former Vice-President	25
Spent for postage	80
Number W. M. U. Societies	5
Number L. A. S. Societies	3

Mrs. J. E. Barnes,
Associational Vice-President, Selma, Ala.

The following pledges were then made to provide for stationery and other expenses the Vice-President might have:

L. A. S., First Church, Selma	$1.00
W. M. S., First Church, Selma	1.00
Y. P. C., First Church, Selma	1.00
W. M. U., Second Church, Selma	1.00
L. W. C., Orrville Church	1.00
Total	$5.00

The following report on State Missions was read by Miss Turner in the absence of Miss Edwards:

STATE MISSIONS.

Twenty-five years ago the State Mission Board began its work under many difficulties. With the blessings of God, the work has widened until practically every association in the state is laboring in harmony with the Board.

The State Convention has constituted the State Mission Board the agent for the Home and Foreign Boards. On this account the name of the Board was changed to "The State Board of Missions." Comparitively the Board has accomplished much for which we should rejoice. The spirit of missions have been

inculcated and extended among our Baptist people, new churches have been planted in destitute places and weak churches strengthened.

The work of the Board is more thoroughly organized and on a more solid basis than at any time in its history. But the means at its command are inadequate to its great work. The time has come for God's people to recognize their obligations to give to His cause—to bring all the tithes into the store-house and increase the money for missions ten-fold.

New towns are springing into existence almost in a day. The Board is ever on the alert to begin work at these points; for the only way it can keep abreast of the marvelous development of these centers, is to plant Baptist Churches within them and continue to help them till it is sure they are able to go alone. Churches thus helped always return more to the denomination than was expended upon them.

Our Secretary says: "Fields are being formed and salaries provided for intelligent, progressive missionary pastors, but the men are hard to find." "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers."

Many pastors of the stronger churches are doing voluntary mission work—their churches should support them in this service of love.

Some years ago the wisdom of our brethren conceived the idea of a separate organization of the Baptist women, in co-operation with the convention. Our organization has become a powerful material assistance to the work of the convention.

The signal success which has attended our efforts in the past, is ample encouragement to us to reconsecrate our lives to the work assigned us. May we press onward till we shall have enlisted all the women in every church in the Selma Association. Then will every woman have a just realization of her duty, and be enabled with Divine help to take hold of the grand possibilities of the 20th century.

" Let none hear us idly saying,
'There is nothing I can do.'"

(Miss) M. C Edwards,
Shiloh Church, Polk, Ala.

S. S. BOARD OF S. B. C.

No department of the Southern Baptist Convention occupies a more important niche in the halls of usefulness, influence and power than that of the S. S. Board under the supervision of Dr. Frost, at Nashville, Tenn.

Its organization is the outgrowth of a long felt need and through its agencies many children are now being trained in the way of the Lord—many hearts are being stamped with the spirit; our future men and women are being instructed along many lines that will make useful citizens, earnest workers and disseminators of the Word Through the children is the hope of the realization of better things in the home, state and church. If we would have earnest Baptist workers in the future, we must educate along Baptist lines of thought. The S. S. Board is a means to that end. Its literature consisting of papers, tracts books are put into the hands of every Baptist church. Through its instrumentality Sunday Schools are organized in destitute places. Bibles are distributed among emigrants; through its publications a missionary spirit is engendered.

The past year has been one of especial success. Eighty per cent of the Baptist churches within the S. B. Convention are now using the Board's literature. Through the sale of this literature $5,000 more has been received this year than the previous one and $11,000 has been added to the permanent fund. Greater interest is manifested in missions—due largely to the Board's missionary literature.

All this proves that the Sunday School condition among the Baptists of the South present much for encouragement, for while there are nearly nine thousand churches without schools, there are more than nine thousand schools with an enrollment of more than seven thousand pupils. Still there is great need for improvement along Sunday School lines. Each Sunday School must be impressed with its responsibility as well as its opportunity of leading the world in bringing the cause of Christ before all nations.

As Dr. Frost says: "Edecation in missions is a basal need and will give new impulse to mission endeavor. The Sunday School Board must be classed as a mission board as will be manifested more and more. It is a business indeed, but a business serving a basis for education in missions, a publishing interest for education in missions, an industrial power, but an industry with its power set for the furtherance of the Gospel. If there is about it the rolling of printing presses and the grinding of machinery, even these are brought into harmony with the music of the spheres, declaring the glory of God and the working out of His purpose for the salvation of the world. God's greatest thought is His thought of human redemption in which He gave His well-beloved son to save a lost world; greater than when he brought the flowers into existence. or the stars, or the great systems of the world; and here in this work we are aiming to harness material forces to bring into activity the money powers, to make all the great commercial agencies stand in line with God's greatest thinking, proclaiming Christ as the Saviour of men, making His name great throughout all the nations. This indeed is mission work, mission work at home, mission work abroad. mission work which shall tell through all the years and ages. Its power may be felt around the world, and make glad the songs of angels."

Alma McGaugh,
Collirene, Ala.

Mrs. J. L. Kendrick made an interesting and helpful talk on Home and Foreign Missions.

Miss Malone was then asked to report on Frontier Missions. She first told of having heard Miss Annie Armstrong tell of her visit among the missionaries in Indian Territory. Of the poverty of these people, but their cheerfulness through it all. Of the hearty welcome these boxes from home received and that they needed everything. She said there was nothing they did not use. Even the boxes themselves were used as furniture. In spite of the destitution, she said Miss Armstrong did not hear a complaint the whole time she was there and she lived among them. She said there should always, if possible, be a suit of men's clothes for the missionary, and heavy ones, for the winters are so severe and they have to travel around so much. She said she wished every one would have seen Miss Armstrong and heard her

talk about it, but we had a good substitute in Miss Malone and did not feel we were getting it by proxy. She had three letters from families who had not been "taken" to send boxes to. Mrs. J. B. Ellis pledged a box for a family of six from the Ladies Working Circle of Orrville Church. It was a real treat to have Miss Malone with us and hear her talk, and her enthusiasm was irresistible.

Mrs. Law Lamar read the following paper and aroused new interest in the young peoples work.

WOMAN'S WORK AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

One of the most hopeful aspects in the church life of today is the increasing interest women are taking in questions affecting church work and organization. In the days of our grandmothers women adorned the church by their devoted and saintly lives. They unobstrusively rendered much quiet service, and gave themselves specially to the visitation of the poor and sick members. Beyond this however, they did not go: their names were not on committees nor did they attend church meetings nor speak in public, they were known more for what they were, than for what they did; but times are changed since then and in our churches of today we find women in the fore front of all active and aggressive work, influencing their organization and policy to no small extent, and in many cases, themselves the pioneers of new and successful movements, as the past reports of our W. M. U. Secretary will show. Ever since the establishment of the church women have been helpers, and were commended for their labors by the Apostle Paul, but there are two absolute essentials to efficient work, viz: organization and training. Review the history of our Baptist women and compare the 43 years prior to the organization of the W. M. U., to the record of the past twelve years, and the truth of this statement will be evident. Now if so much has been proven by the experience of our grown people (and we say experience is the best teacher) shall we fail in duty to the young people.

The fatal lack in our church system today is our neglect of the young folks. We owe it to them and we owe it to God to see that they are properly equipped for the battle against evil, and how is this to be accomplished? In several ways—by home training first, line upon line and precept upon precept, and then by encouraging an interest in our Missionary Societies, where they can have training for the future. Many a good man or woman, when called on to do some service for the church shrinks back, because they feel unqualified but when the youth of the land shall be educated for the work, instead of the response "I pray thee have me excused," we shall hear the willing answer: "Here am I, send me." This work among the young people opens a comparatively new avenue of usefulness for Baptist women, but its importance cannot be exaggerated. Now what will we, the women of this Association do to manifest an interest in this branch of work. We have our Sunbeam Societies and the Baby Branch; so, that the training can begin at the cradle. The wise man said, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," and even in this day of advanced thought we will do well to "hear, instruction and be wise."

Now the object of this paper is to open up a discussion which

will develop practical results.

If there is a church represented in this Association which has no society of children, will not some good woman solemnly pledge herself to take up the work at once? What if it is a tax on your mind and strength, it is a work for the Lord and in spite of discouragements "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Mrs. Law Lamar.

After a few well chosen remarks by the Chairman, the meeting adjourned. All felt that it was good to be there and that it had been a great help.

Mrs. Law Lamar,
Chairman.

Zaidee Ellis,
Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT.—EXHIBIT I.

CHURCHES.	State Missions		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Ministerial Education		Orphans Home.		Pastors Salary.		Howard College.		Aged Ministers.		Ala City Church.		Dallas Co S S.		Incidental & church repair		Central Female College.		Sunbeams and Babie		Ladies Working Circl. All Purposes.		Judson Institute.		Greenboro Church and Eutaw.		S. S. Purposes.		Value Church Property.		B. Y. P. U. all Purposes.		Institute Board.		
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Respectfully submitted,

R. T. REED, Chairman Finance Committee.

CHURCH.	COUNTY	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S Post Office.	Membership last Reported	Increase				Decrease				Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbath.	Reports prayer meeting.	Reports revival.	
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Voucher	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Erasure	By Death		Officers & Teachers	Pupils.	SUPT. NAME AND POST OFFICE				
Ash Creek....	Lowndes	.....	I. N. Lyons ..	Gordonsville .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	Not represented,
Benton.....	Lowndes	J A Howard,	E. S. Martin...	Benton	20	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	No report.....	3d	.....	.....	
Bethany	Lowndes	W H Summons	I. S Lyons. .	Gordonville...	42	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	37	...	...	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	
Center Ridge.	Dallas	H T Crumpton	H J. Yates..	Carlowville...	34	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	5	20	C. M. Hunter, Carlowville	3d	.....	.....	
Hopewell....	Lowndes	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No report	.....	.....	.....	No report for 2 years
Immanuel.....	Dallas	J I Kendrick.	W. H. Brazier	Browns	30	2	2	...	2	...	...	2	30	4	36	W. H. Brazier, Browns ...	4th	...	Yes	
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New Bethel...	Lowndes	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No report	.....	.....	.....	No report for 2 years
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Ruhama..	Lowndes	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No report.....	.....	.....	...	No report for 2 years
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Sister Springs	Dallas	E F Baber	J. S. Hooper ..	Tyler	36	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	34	3	16	W. D. Morgan, Soapstone .	1st	.....	.....	
Selma, 1st ch	Dallas	A J Dickinson	Ed Graham	Selma	387	...	10	...	22	...	...	6	268	19	160	W P Welch, Selma.	Every	Yes	.....	
Selma, 2nd ch.	Dallas ...	J E Barnes	I S Mauldin	Selma	225	5	39	2	20	...	...	2	249	10	53	Thos. J. Williams, Selma...	Every	Yes	Yes	
Town Creek ..	Dallas	J B Powell..	E L Stewart	Soapstone.....	51	...	2	...	1	...	...	2	50	7	52	R. D. Stewart, Soapstone..	2, 3 & 4	.....	...	
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